

Senate File 524 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 524
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1194)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the statute of limitations in a civil action
2 involving certain sexual offenses against a minor.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 614.1, Code 2023, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11A. *Sexual offenses — minors.* An action
4 for damages for injury suffered as a result of sexual abuse in
5 the first degree as described in section 709.2, sexual abuse in
6 the second degree as described in section 709.3, sexual abuse
7 in the third degree as described in section 709.4, lascivious
8 acts with a child as described in section 709.8, or assault
9 with intent to commit sexual abuse as described in section
10 709.11, committed on or with a person who was under the age of
11 eighteen years at the time of the offense may be commenced at
12 any time after the conviction for the offense.

13 Sec. 2. Section 614.8, subsection 2, Code 2023, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 2. Except as provided in section 614.1, subsection
16 subsections 9 and 11A, the times limited for actions in this
17 chapter, or [chapter 216](#), [659A](#), [669](#), or [670](#), except those
18 brought for penalties and forfeitures, are extended in favor
19 of minors, so that they shall have one year from and after
20 attainment of majority within which to file a complaint
21 pursuant to [chapter 216](#), to make a claim pursuant to chapter
22 [659A](#), [669](#), or 670, or to otherwise commence an action.

23 Sec. 3. Section 614.8A, Code 2023, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 **614.8A Damages for child sexual abuse — time limitation.**

26 ~~An~~ Except as provided in section 614.1, subsection 11A, an
27 action for damages for injury suffered as a result of sexual
28 abuse which occurred when the injured person was a child, but
29 not discovered until after the injured person is of the age
30 of majority, shall be brought within four years from the time
31 of discovery by the injured party of both the injury and the
32 causal relationship between the injury and the sexual abuse.

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EXPLANATION

34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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1 This bill relates to the statute of limitations in a civil
2 action involving certain sexual offenses against a minor.

3 The bill provides that a civil action for damages for sexual
4 abuse in the first, second, or third degree, lascivious acts
5 with a child, or assault with intent to commit sexual abuse,
6 committed on or with a person who was under the age of 18 years
7 at the time of the offense may be commenced at any time after
8 the conviction for the offense.

9 The bill makes corresponding changes to provisions that
10 extend time limitations for actions involving minors.